

COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sources for Clinicians Involved in Vaccinating Virginia: A Hyperlinked and Partially Annotated List

NOTE: The information and links below supplement and partially overlap with the points made in the COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sources for Clinicians Involved in Vaccinating Virginia: A Hyperlinked and Partially Annotated List PowerPoint presentation.

Part I

Suggestions and Information for Providers for Improving Patients', Parents' and Communities Confidence in – and Acceptance of – COVID-19 Vaccines

VDH Vaccinate with Confidence Strategy

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine/vaccinate-with-confidence-covid-19-vaccines-strategy/>

This website provides a strategy for building vaccine confidence both in communities and in other healthcare personnel. The highlighted framework and downloadable resources for building confidence in the COVID-19 vaccination process include:

- Strategy: [COVID-19 Vaccinate with Confidence Framework](#)
- Guide: [Building Confidence in COVID-19 Vaccines: A Guide for Immunization Coordinators](#)
- Guide Companion Tool: [Communications and Confidence Readiness Checklist](#)
- Guide Companion Tool: [The COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence Conversation Starter](#)

Additional VDH *Vaccinate with Confidence* Resources

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine/healthcare-professionals/healthcare-professionals-provider-education/>

This VDH *Vaccinate with Confidence* website for providers contains links to multiple CDC and other online COVID-19 vaccination training opportunities.

CDC Vaccinate with Confidence Resources

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/vaccinate-with-confidence.pdf>

This website briefly describes CDC's overall *Vaccinate with Confidence* strategy that is being implemented by individual states.

Vaccine recipient education

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/index.html>

This website for educating potential vaccine recipients (or their parents) can provide quick references for COVID-19 vaccinators to provide to people who want more information. Beyond this website, patients and parents can also be referred to the CDC and VDH websites noted above.

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Part II

Supporting Clinicians' Background Knowledge of COVID-19 Vaccines and Vaccination

Comprehensive COVID-19 vaccine sites

- **cdc.gov:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
The CDC's COVID-19 website has extensive coverage of SARS-CoV-2, COVID-19 disease, and COVID-19 vaccines and vaccination issues
- **VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Website:** <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine/>
This website is targeted at providing the public with comprehensive information about the entire COVID-19 vaccination process in Virginia.
- **VDH COVID-19 Vaccination Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):** See <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-faq/vaccination/>
This set of searchable frequently asked questions (FAQs) asks specifically about COVID-19 vaccines and vaccination is updated at least weekly. Although most of these FAQs are targeted at questions asked by the public, it contains a separate set of questions and answers by and for healthcare providers.

Vaccine Hesitancy

- Ratzan S, Schneider EC, Hatch H, Cacchione J. Missing the Point – How Primary Care Can Overcome COVID-19 Vaccine “Hesitancy”. New Engl J Med 2021 (online May 5)
<https://www.nejm.org/doi/pdf/10.1056/NEJMp2106137?articleTools=true>
This brief open access article describes the broad spectrum of individual patient attitudes contained within the concept of COVID-19 “vaccine hesitancy” and highlights the critical role(s) of primary care practitioners in persuading their patients to be vaccinated.

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Part III

Specific Issues of Possible Inquiry and Discussion for Patients, Parents and Clinicians

- Should I (or my child) get the COVID-19 vaccine? Why?
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/vaccine-benefits.html>
- How do COVID-19 vaccines work?
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/how-they-work.html>
- What vaccines has the Foods and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized for use in the United States?
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines.html>
- How were those COVID-19 vaccines tested?
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/effectiveness/work.html>
- What were the results of those large vaccine studies?
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines.html>
- Can a COVID-19 vaccine give me COVID-19?
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html> (last segment)
- Will I really need a second vaccine dose?
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/second-shot.html>
- What about vaccine side effects?
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/expect.html>
- What do I do if start to have one of these side effects?
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety.html>
- What is the value of being fully vaccinated?
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>
- How can I sign up for a vaccine?
<https://vaccinate.virginia.gov/>
- Are there other COVID-19 myths and, misconceptions such as infertility, DNA risk, required vacation, testing results after vaccine, foods, etc.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>
and
<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/myths-about-covid-19/#othermyths>